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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, PGOV, PK, AF
SUBJECT: AFGHAN-PAK FRICTION

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1. KABUL REPORTING IN REFTELS AND ELSEWHERE HELPFUL IN EMBASSY'S ATTEMPTS TO GET A HANDLE ON WHY THE FRICTION SEEMS TO BE INCREASING IN BOTH CAPTITALS.

2. WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION ANY AGGRESSIVE SOUNDS WERE UNILATERAL - I.E. EMENATING FROM KABUL. WE VIEWED GOP CONCERN AS BEING BASED ON NOT-SO-SUBTLE INFERENCES OF BORDER REAPPRAISALS AND BLANTANT STATEMENTS SUCH AS THAT OF TAHZEEB RE. INDUS BEING BOUNDARY. ADDED TO THESE WAS GOP AWARENESS OF AFGHAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN PUSHTOON AREAS. BOTTOM LINE IN ISLAMABAD WAS A PARANOIA AND GRAVE CONCERN BUT A BASICALLY CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE (VIZ: MAKING RAILROAD CARS AVAILABLE FOR INDIAN WHEAT TRANSIT SHIPMENTS).

3. FROM TENOR OF KABUL'S LATEST REPORTING AND SPARKS NOTICED AT BELGRADE NAM, EMBASSY NOW FEELS THERE MAY BE FURTHER HARDENING ON PART GOP. WE DO NOT SEE PARANOIA TURNING TO PANICKY ACTION YET BUT SOME REACTION TO PUBLIC REBUKE
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OF GOP AT BELGRADE MAY BE IN THE CARDS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY KABUL'S CONTINUED ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER ANYTHING DRA MIGHT CONSIDER AS GOP PROVOCATION HAS COME TO YOUR ATTENTION.

5. FYI: PAKISTANI URDU PRESS CARRIED SMALL NOTICE JULY 27

OF GHAFAR KHAN AND AJMAL KHATTAK'S LUNCHEON WITH PM. NO
EDITORIAL OR OTHER COMMENT NOTICED. HUMMEL

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